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-- FINAL TOPLINE --

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Results are based on telephone interviews conducted August 9-12, 2012 with a random sample of **-1,012—**adults, aged 18+, living in all 50 U.S. states and the District of Columbia.

For results based on the total sample of national adults, one can say with 95% confidence that the margin of error is ± 4 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-492—**adults employed full- or part-time, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-236—**parents with children in Kindergarten through Grade 12, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 8 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-514—**men, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

For results based on the sample of **-498—**women, the maximum margin of sampling error is ± 6 percentage points.

Interviews are conducted with respondents on landline telephones and cellular phones, with interviews conducted in Spanish for respondents who are primarily Spanish-speaking. Each sample includes a minimum quota of 400 cell phone respondents and 600 landline respondents, with additional minimum quotas among landline respondents by region. Landline numbers are chosen at random among listed telephone numbers, cell phone numbers are selected using random-digit dial methods. Landline respondents are chosen at random within each household on the basis of which member had the most recent birthday.

Samples are weighted by gender, age, race, Hispanic ethnicity, education, region, adults in the household, and phone status (cell phone only/landline only/both, having an unlisted landline number, and being cell phone mostly). Demographic weighting targets are based on the March 2011 Current Population Survey figures for the age 18+ non-institutionalized population living in U.S. telephone households. All reported margins of sampling error include the computed design effects for weighting and sample design.

In addition to sampling error, question wording and practical difficulties in conducting surveys can introduce error or bias into the findings of public opinion polls.

15. Overall, how satisfied are you with the quality of education students receive in kindergarten through grade twelve in the U.S. today -- would you say you are completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?

	<u>Completely satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Completely dissatisfied</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	8	36	37	16	3
2011 Aug 11-14	8	37	32	22	1
2010 Aug 5-8	9	34	37	17	2
2009 Aug 6-9	8	37	35	17	3
2008 Aug 7-10	7	37	38	15	3
2007 Aug 13-16	7	39	35	16	3
2006 Aug 7-10	8	37	33	19	3
2005 Aug 8-11	9	37	35	16	3
2004 Aug 9-11	10	43	32	13	2
2003 Aug 4-6	8	40	34	16	2
2002 Aug 5-8	7	40	32	18	3
2001 Aug 16-19	10	38	32	17	3
2000 Aug 24-27	7	29	40	21	3
1999 Aug 24-26	8	39	38	13	2

For the next series of questions, we'd like you to think about your oldest child who will be attending kindergarten through grade 12 this year.

16. *(Asked of parents with children in grades kindergarten through 12)* Thinking about your oldest child in kindergarten through grade twelve, what grade will he or she be entering this fall?

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	<u>Kindergarten-Fifth</u>	<u>Sixth-Eighth</u>	<u>Ninth-Twelfth</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	33	23	43	1
2011 Aug 11-14	32	22	44	2
2010 Aug 5-8	34	26	40	*
2009 Aug 6-9	36	22	41	*
2008 Aug 7-10	36	24	39	1
2007 Aug 13-16	29	23	47	1
2006 Aug 7-10	39	21	39	1
2005 Aug 8-11	38	22	40	--
2004 Aug 9-11	38	21	40	1
2003 Aug 4-6	40	18	42	--
2002 Aug 5-8	40	23	36	1
2001 Aug 16-19	38	20	41	1
1999 Aug 24-26	44	25	30	1

17. *(Asked of parents with children in grades kindergarten through 12)* Will your oldest child attend public, private, parochial or home school this year?

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	<u>Public</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Parochial</u>	<u>Home School</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	83	9	2	4	2
2011 Aug 11-14	84	9	2	4	1
2010 Aug 5-8	85	7	5	2	1
2009 Aug 6-9	81	12	3	2	2
2008 Aug 7-10	81	12	5	2	--
2007 Aug 13-16	86	8	3	2	1
2006 Aug 7-10	82	13	3	2	*
2005 Aug 8-11	85	10	3	2	--
2004 Aug 9-11	86	7	4	2	1
2003 Aug 4-6	85	6	5	3	1
2002 Aug 5-8	89	7	2	2	*
2001 Aug 16-19	88	5	5	2	--
2000 Aug 24-27 ^	86	9	4	1	*
1999 Aug 24-26 ^	86	10	4	*	--

^ WORDING: Will that child attend public, private or parochial school?

18. *(Asked of parents with children in grades kindergarten through 12)* How satisfied are you with the quality of education your oldest child is receiving? Would you say you are completely satisfied, somewhat satisfied, somewhat dissatisfied or completely dissatisfied?

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	<u>Completely satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat satisfied</u>	<u>Somewhat dissatisfied</u>	<u>Completely dissatisfied</u>	<u>Just starting school (vol.)</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	34	41	17	4	2	1
2011 Aug 11-14	36	42	12	9	1	*
2010 Aug 5-8	35	45	12	7	2	1
2009 Aug 6-9	39	37	14	7	2	1
2008 Aug 7-10	35	42	17	3	2	1
2007 Aug 13-16	25	53	13	6	1	2
2006 Aug 7-10	35	42	12	7	3	1
2005 Aug 8-11	33	45	13	7	2	*
2004 Aug 9-11	32	47	15	4	2	*
2003 Aug 4-6	38	39	13	8	2	*
2002 Aug 5-8	29	39	20	7	4	1
2001 Aug 16-19	35	37	14	9	3	2
2000 Aug 24-27	31	47	12	6	4	*
1999 Aug 24-26	37	46	12	2	2	1

22. Next I'm going to read a list of ways in which children are educated in the U.S. today. As I read each one, please indicate – based on what you know or have read and heard – how good an education each provides children – excellent, good, only fair, or poor. How about—[RANDOM ORDER]?

A. Public schools

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	5	32	42	19	2

B. Parochial, or church-related schools

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	21	48	18	5	8

C. Independent private school

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	31	47	13	2	7

D. Charter schools

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	17	43	23	5	13

E. Home schooling

	<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Good</u>	<u>Only fair</u>	<u>Poor</u>	<u>No opinion</u>
2012 Aug 9-12	13	33	30	14	9